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(57) Abstract: The invention provides a delayed burst release formulation comprising a core formed as a compressed tablet and an outer coating that surrounds the core; said core comprising venlafaxine, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, at least one burst controlling agent and a disintegrant; and said outer coating comprising a water insoluble hydrophobic carrier and water-insoluble but hydrophilic particulate matter.

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